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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of September 25, 2006, for which an Amendment is due by December 25, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments. Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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By Karol J. St. MERCK & CO., INC. Date 12-20-06